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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, please amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks/arguments as indicated below. Applicant respectfully submits herewith a request for continued examination (RCE). Applicant also respectfully requests that the three-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action be extended one-month until August 15, 2008. A one-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the RCE and extension fee to Deposit Account No. 070845.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.